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I am writing this in regards the Microsoft anti-trust suit and impending settlement.

This case has never been about consumers. There probably has never been a company in the history of the United States that has done more for consumers than has Microsoft. Twenty years ago there were a few thousand people who had access to a computer and could use one. Today there are hundreds of millions of people with computers that can operate not only theirs, but 90% of the other computers they are exposed to. This came about due to the vision of Microsoft.

Twenty five years ago the lowest cost computer cost tens of thousands of dollars, today the lowest cost computer cost less than \$500. This came about due to the vision of Microsoft and Intel.

No, this case is, and always has been about Microsofts competitors. They did not have the vision to do what Microsoft has done, even though they were on the same playing field as Microsoft. Now, since Microsoft was successful, these competitors want the government to step in and bring Microsoft down to their level. This would be very harmful to consumers.